

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
NORTHERN DIVISION

JANE DOE,

Plaintiff,

v.

MUNISING PUBLIC SCHOOLS, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:25-cv-125

HON. JANE M. BECKERING

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ORDER

Plaintiff filed this Complaint on June 2, 2025 (ECF No. 1). In her Complaint, Plaintiff indicates that she will file the “appropriate motion to formally permit her to proceed through a pseudonym, if necessary and requested by this court” (*id.* at PageID.2).

The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure require that a complaint “name all the parties.” FED. R. CIV. P. 10(a); *see also Citizens for a Strong Ohio v. Marsh*, 123 F. App’x 630, 636 (6th Cir. 2005) (“[p]laintiffs are permitted to proceed under pseudonyms only under certain circumstances that justify an exception to this rule”) (citing *Doe v. Porter*, 370 F.3d 558, 560 (6th Cir. 2004)). Failure to obtain court approval to proceed anonymously deprives the court of jurisdiction to hear the matter. *See Marsh*, 123 F. App’x at 636–37 (“Failure to seek permission to proceed under a pseudonym is fatal to an anonymous plaintiff’s case, because ... the federal courts lack jurisdiction over the unnamed parties”). Accordingly:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiff will, not later than June 18, 2025, either amend her Complaint to properly identify her legal name or file a motion to proceed under a pseudonym.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in the event Plaintiff elects to file a motion to proceed under a pseudonym, Plaintiff shall serve the motion on Defendants and file Proof of Service of the same.

Dated: June 3, 2025

/s/ Jane M. Beckering
JANE M. BECKERING
United States District Judge